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Iowa and Its Schools

PEOPLE

- 36 counties increased → Mostly urban/suburban areas.
- More elderly, stagnant birth rate → 6.1% of population under age 5, sixth lowest in nation.
- Immigration remains strong → Increased 16.3%. Largest group from Bosnia-Herzegovina, followed by Mexico.
- Net migration out → Overall 3.0%, higher among young who are college-educated.



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INCOME

- Slight growth to \$31,085 per capita → Below national average of \$33,050.
- Per capita income by county → 7 counties below \$25,000
- Children under 6 with working parents → 71% in Iowa. National average is 59.5%.



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SCHOOLS

- Enrollment declining in 60% of districts
- More students from low-income families
- More students who don't speak English.
- Greater needs, fewer resources



ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES

- District budgets decline when student enrollment declines, which means the schools may struggle to provide quality programs to remaining students. The state has advocated for incentives for districts to share resources such as staff or facilities.
- Additional resources have been provided to support English Language Learners.
- Support efforts to improve access to quality preschool programs.